

26 December 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: CIA Research Board

1. You recently requested information on the current status and membership of the Research Board organized and headed for ten years by the late [REDACTED]. I am appending a list of the members of the Board, together with brief accounts of their backgrounds.

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2. [REDACTED] are new members of the Board. They very recently consented to serve and have neither been briefed on the Agency nor have they yet attended any meetings of the Board. The other Board members have served at least for the past three years.

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3. Prior to the establishment of the Office of the Deputy Director (Research), the Research Board was administered and managed by TSD, and is consequently more conversant with the problems of the Clandestine Services than with those of CIA as a whole. The Board's pattern has been to meet twice a year, during which meetings they are briefed on various research and development problems. Suggested solutions were usually made later through [REDACTED], who relayed them to TSD. If the approach seemed promising, TSD engineers would follow up through direct contact with the Board members. In addition, TSD found several of the individual Board members most useful in providing access to the scientific resources of their companies.

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4. Should you desire to continue this Research Board with its present form, I would recommend [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] Corporation, as the new Board Chairman.

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